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MOORE/SHANDERA'S NEW MJ-12 REPORT (unwittingly) REVEALS MUCH---  
BUT WITHHOLDS MORE.

"The MJ-12 Documents: An Analytical report," by William L. Moore and his long-time partner, Jaime H. Shandera, offers far more than its title suggests. The 111-page report also covers other suspect "Top Secret/Secret" UFO documents which began to appear almost a decade before MJ-12 broke in May, 1987.

Moore and Shandera (M/S) included these other documents to try to strengthen their case for the authenticity of the MJ-12 papers. They write: "...these [MJ-12] documents do not stand alone, but rather represent the final link (so far as is known) in a chain of apparently related documents and events dating at least as far back as late 1977." M/S seemingly forgot that old adage that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link.

The M/S report reveals that many of these suspect documents trace back to Moore, who has served as a "conduit" to covertly feed them into the UFO Movement, and/or to his bosom-buddy, Richard C. Doty, formerly a sergeant in the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFSOI).

M/S claim that Doty was selected to serve as a liaison-courier by a highly placed intelligence source in Washington--code named "Falcon"--who first contacted Moore in Sept. 1980--shortly after publication of his crashed-saucer book "The Roswell Incident." Falcon and a few associates (allegedly) were dissatisfied with the government's UFO coverup and selected Moore in the hope he could "help them find a way to change the prevailing policy and get the facts to the public without breaking any laws in the process."

One wonders why Falcon (allegedly) selected Moore, instead of, say, Robert Woodward, of the Washington Post--who broke the Watergate Scandal--or former NY Times reporter Seymour Hersh, who won a Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting, or Jack Anderson the well-known columnist, or Ted Kopell of ABC-TV's Nightline. All of them are far more influential in changing government policy than Moore and have access to a far larger audience. And all conveniently live in Washington where Falcon (allegedly) resides. If Falcon wanted to work with a prestigious pro-UFOlogist, he could have contacted Dr. J. Allen Hynek who was still alive in 1980. Seemingly, Falcon is a dum-dum.

If Falcon needed a liaison-courier to deal with Moore, it is surprising that he did not select a long-time associate in Washington. If Falcon had secret material he wanted Moore to have, Doty would have to fly to Washington, then fly back to

Phoenix where Moore then lived (before moving to Los Angeles), then back home to Albuquerque. Examination of Doty's military record raises even more doubts. During the 1970s, Doty served as a gatehouse guard at several air bases, then became a military policeman.

In early 1978, while Sgt. Doty was stationed at Ellsworth AFB, the National Enquirer received an anonymous letter, enclosing what appeared to be an official report of an shoot-out encounter with ETs that allegedly had occurred at Ellsworth AFB. When the National Enquirer sent a team to Ellsworth to investigate, they discovered that no such incident had occurred. Its team concluded that the report was counterfeit.

In the new M/S report, we learn that "Doty has admitted that he was in fact 'aware' of the National Enquirer operation, but claims he was only 'peripherally involved' and had nothing to do with fabricating the [bogus] document." But M/S admit that Doty "has consistently refused to discuss the matter further because, he says, he is bound by his security oath."

M/S suggest that this counterfeit UFO document was the product of a program to train USAF personnel in disinformation techniques for counterintelligence work. M/S suggest that Doty's demonstrated ability in disinformation at Ellsworth led to his being picked later by Falcon.

In the late 1970s, Sgt. Doty was transferred to Kirtland AFB where his job in AFOSI was to investigate criminal matters, including fraud. Soon afterwards, in July 1980, APRO--then the nation's oldest UFO group, based in Tucson--received an anonymous letter telling of a UFO incident in which a Civil Air Patrol Cadet, named Craig R. Weitzel, had obtained photos of the UFO. The letter claimed that Weitzel had reported the incident to "a Mr. Dody (sic), a special agent with OSI." Moore, who then lived in Arizona and was an APRO official, was asked to investigate the case.

The M/S report says that Moore's investigation showed that the anonymous letter was "loosely based upon an actual UFO case." M/S fail to tell readers that the error was a gross exaggeration--there was no UFO landing and no UFO photos. And who had written this spurious UFO report? SGT. RICHARD C. DOTY. Shortly afterward, in Oct. 1980, Falcon (allegedly) selected Doty to serve as his liaison-courier with Moore.

Soon, Moore says he was supplying Doty with information about APRO and an Albuquerque UFOlogist, named Paul Bennewitz. Before long, as Moore admitted in his infamous talk at the 1989 MUFON conference in Las Vegas, he decided he himself would "play the disinformation game." Moore's stated objective was "to learn as much as possible about who was directing it and why." Moore did not elaborate, but presumably the UFO disinformation he supplied to Bennewitz was being provided by Doty. If Doty

claimed he was acting on "higher authority," Moore seemingly accepted Doty's claim as fact.

In March of 1983, according to the M/S report, "Moore received a telephone call telling him that some information was going to be made available to him but he would have to go and pick it up." After what M/S characterize as "a cloak-and-dagger trip across the country," Moore ended up in a motel in an upstate New York city. A courier (allegedly) showed up, handed Moore a sealed envelope and informed him he had "exactly 19 minutes" to examine the enclosed material. Inside, Moore (allegedly) found an 11 page "Top Secret" document entitled "Executive Briefing, Subject: Project Aquarius," dated June 14, 1977.

Moore reports he requested and was given permission to photograph the document and to read it into a tape recorder in case the photos did not turn out well. After exactly 19 minutes, according to Moore, he handed over the material and the courier departed. According to Moore, the documents "seemed to be a transcription of notes either intended for use in preparing a briefing, or taken down during one and typed later." The M/S report refers to this document as "The Carter Briefing Notes"--seemingly because Carter was President in 1977.

Barely one month later, on April 9, 1983, Linda Moulton Howe--a TV producer whose interest focuses on claims that UFOs kill and mutilate cattle--met with Sgt. Doty in his office at Kirtland AFB to discuss a UFO documentary she hoped to produce. According to Ms. Howe, "Doty handed me some typed pages which were titled simply 'Briefing Paper for the President of the United States about the subject of unidentified flying vehicles. ...Agent Doty said he had been asked by his superiors to show me the briefing paper..." (Howe's account was published in the Dec. 1987 issue of Just Cause newsletter.)

Howe remembered some of the classified project names, including Aquarius, Sigma, Snowbird and Pounce. In 1987, Moore and Shandera made public three of the 11 sheets of the "President Carter Briefing Notes." Project names listed included: Aquarius, Sigma, Snowbird and Pounce.

Is it conceivable that Moore went flying around the country in response to changing instructions in order to briefly examine the "President Carter Briefing Notes" which his bosom-buddy Sgt. Doty already had in his possession and showed to Ms. Howe a month later. Or is this "disinformation" that Moore admits he began to employ in the early 1980s?

Doty replied to Howe's charges in a letter dated Mar. 3, 1988, written shortly after he retired from the USAF, which was published in the June 1988 issue of Just Cause. Doty admitted he had met with Howe but flatly denied he had showed her any Presidential briefing paper. (The same issue carried a sworn statement by Howe, made "under penalty of perjury," that her

earlier account was true.)

In Doty's letter, he stated "I know of no secret Government investigation of UFOs. I have never heard of MJ-12 or any secret Government agency that investigates UFOs....I have nothing further to discuss."

In the section of the M/S report dealing with "The Carter Briefing Notes," there is no mention of the Howe's claim that Doty showed her the document on April 9, 1983. Nor of Doty's flat statement that he has "never heard of MJ-12 of any secret Government agency that investigates UFOs. This is but one of many examples of "coverup" in the M/S report.

(In late 1987, when I had plans to visit Albuquerque on other business, I called Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee, who had earlier interviewed Doty in connection with a 1980 UFO report at Kirtland AFB., which Doty had investigated, to obtain Doty's telephone number so I could arrange an interview. Maccabee told me that he had been told by Moore that the Sgt. Richard C. Doty now based at Kirtland was a different Sgt. Richard C. Doty than the one that Maccabee had earlier interviewed. I found that hard to believe so I turned to official USAF channels to locate Doty and on Jan. 8, 1988, I had a lengthy telephone interview with him. During this interview, Doty told me "I have an affidavit signed by Bill Moore that was executed in court with my attorney present that says that Bill Moore never, ever received anything from me other than some bits and pieces [of information] about an incident that happened at Kirtland in 1980." I asked Doty to send me a copy of this alleged document but never received it.)

In early 1985, Sgt. Doty was transferred to West Germany and assigned to counter-intelligence work. If he was really serving as Falcon's trusted liaison-courier with M/S--one should think that Falcon would have enough political clout to arrange for Sgt. Doty to remain at Kirtland, or to be transferred to Washington. Only a few weeks before Doty left Albuquerque for his new post, M/S reportedly received the MJ-12 papers from an anonymous sender. The MJ-12 papers--on undeveloped 35 mm. film--had been mailed from Albuquerque.

While Doty was in West Germany, his superiors became suspicious that some of his reports of alleged contacts with Communist secret agents were concocted tales. When Doty was given a "lie detector" test dealing with some of his wild tales, he flunked it. As a result, Doty was dropped from the AFOSI and transferred back to Kirtland AFB. in late 1986. His last year in the USAF was spent working as a "food services specialist," managing the mess hall. One can find no mention of this reported Doty escapade in the M/S report or of the disinformation expert's end-of-career position as a "food services specialist".

In the "UFO Coverup-Live" TV show, broadcast Oct. 14, 1988, Shandera said "Falcon's position gives him access to the MJ-12

Infrastructure." Yet, seemingly, he has not been able to supply M/S with the name of a single current member of MJ-12. (All the original members listed in the MJ-12 papers were [conveniently] deceased by the time Moore/Shandera released the documents.)

(If you saw that TV show, you'll remember that Falcon, whose face and voice were electronically disguised, made some startling revelations about the live ETs which the U.S. government (allegedly) has in custody. Falcon revealed that the "aliens enjoy music--all types of music--especially ancient Tibetan style music." When asked what they eat, Falcon replied: "They like vegetables and their favorite dish or snack is ice cream--especially strawberry.")

Shortly after the show, UFOlogist Robert Hastings reported that one of the TV show's staff had identified Falcon as being Richard C. Doty. (It is standard practice to get all guests to sign a release, using their real names.) To test Hastings' claim, I arranged for some of Doty's former AFOSI associates at Kirtland to view a video tape of Falcon's appearance. They concluded that Falcon was indeed Doty.

In response to Hastings' charge, Moore claimed (in his Las Vegas speech) that shortly after the MJ-12 papers were made public in May of 1987 "we began dropping subtle hints that 'Falcon' might in fact be Doty. 'Falcon' felt that such a ploy would be useful to him in continuing to protect his identity, while Doty...said that if anybody asked he could simply deny it." Moore did not say where/when he "dropped" such hints. If Falcon is really Doty, then M/S are resorting to "disinformation techniques" when their report claims they met "with Falcon and Doty."

According to the M/S report, on Jan. 28, 1983, Falcon--allegedly a highly placed intelligence official--agreed to fly to Los Angeles and be video-taped revealing highly classified UFO secrets--providing his voice and appearance were electronically disguised on the tape. The taping was done in the presence of an unnamed "CBS executive and an investigative reporter," according to M/S. (The tape was never used on CBS's "60 Minutes.")

Following this taping session, while driving to the airport, Falcon (allegedly) handed Moore a piece of folded paper, telling him to look at it later. Later, when Moore examined the paper which was stamped "Secret," it described an alleged UFO landing, with occupants and photos. (The M/S report says this "Hilltop" case is still under investigation.)

Barely a month later, on Mar. 1, 1983, Moore was interviewed by two FBI agents. During the interview, "Moore declared that he has never had in his possession any classified documents from any government agency," according to an unclassified portion of Moore's FBI file which he obtained through Freedom of Information Act. (It was published in the Nov. 1, 1988, issue of Moore's newsletter FOCUS.)

Yet according to the M/S report [p. 20], on Jan. 28, 1983-- barely a month before Moore made that statement to the FBI--he claims he was given a "Secret" report on the "Hilltop" case by Falcon. And according to the June 30, 1989, issue of FOCUS, in February, 1981, Moore was given a copy of a document purporting to be an AFOSI teletype which was stamped "Secret." [On p. 8 of the M/S report, Moore corrects the date to Mar. 2, 1981.]

Did Moore knowingly lie to the FBI when he said he has "never had in his possession any classified documents from any government agency?" Or did Moore know those documents were counterfeit?

Jerry Clark, Editor of International UFO Reporter published by the Hynek Center for UFO Studies, in a column written for the December issue of FATE magazine, indicates that he is very impressed with the M/S report. He said "it looks as if Moore, Shandera and their associates have all but obliterated every skeptical argument to date... With this report MJ-12 moves again to a central role on the UFO scene." [Jerry's view of the UFO scene.]

We'll have more comments on the M/S report in a subsequent issue, focusing on its analysis of the MJ-12 papers themselves.

The M/S report is priced at \$30 (including mailing cost). It is a far more useful document than the one turned out by Stanton Friedman who was paid \$16,000 for his effort by Bruce Maccabee's Fund for UFO Research. Friedman's is priced at \$12.50. (You can order a copy of the M/S report from: The Fair Witness Project, 4219 West Olive Ave., Suite #247, Burbank, Calif. 91505. (Be sure to tell 'em Uncle Phil sent you!)

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#### "Out There"--Out Where?

Howard Blum's new book [reviewed in SUN-5], claiming a Top Secret group was created in 1987 by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) to investigate UFOs, is characterized as "stunning" and "explosive" by Whitley Strieber--Abductee Extraordinaire and author of best-selling book "Communion."

Strieber, who reviews Blum's book in the Summer issue of his The Communion Letter, says it "shows that, despite official denials, the U.S. intelligence community is currently researching the UFO question..." He predicts that "as a result of Blum's book, other serious journalists are going to begin to poke around, and they also are going to discover that elements of the U.S. government know a lot more about UFOs than they are saying, and that this knowledge is kept a deep, dark secret. It is possible that official acknowledgement of the mystery will come in the foreseeable future." PJK Comment: May you live so long, Whitley.

Normally conservative U.S. News & World Report magazine ventured a similar prediction 13 years ago--in its April 18, 1977 issue: "Before the year is out, the Government--perhaps the President [Carter]--is expected to make what are described as 'unsettling disclosures' about UFOs--unidentified flying objects." This prompted me to write the editor offering 100:1 odds to the person who wrote the item that the prediction would not come true in the remaining eight months of 1977, or even in the following six months of 1978. I got no takers.

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MUFON UFO Journal's November issue reports the results of its poll of all present and former NASA astronauts, asking if they would endorse a call for a Congressional UFO investigation. The poll was prompted by a press release calling for a Congressional investigation, issued by Dr. Brian O'Leary, who briefly was a member of the astronaut corps. (O'Leary, who spoke at the MUFON's conference in Pensacola last July, claimed he has had many "psychic experiences" and demonstrated spoon-bending that looked more physical than psychic.)

None of the 91 present astronauts responded to the poll, but 11 former astronauts, out of a total of 56, did reply. All of the respondents said "NO."

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History professor Dr. David Jacobs, who has became Budd Hopkins' principle associate in the "UFO-abduction" field, reports he now has a subject who was abducted in 1934. This was 13 YEARS BEFORE THE FIRST UFO SIGHTING REPORT BY PILOT KENNETH ARNOLD. Perhaps the pre-Arnold UFOs used "stealth" techniques to avoid detection and they remembered to turn out all lights during night missions to avoid being seen.

In an interview published in the latest (fall) issue of the quarterly magazine Caveat Emptor, Jacobs says anyone who thinks there is a prosaic psychological explanation for UFO-abduction tales is "going off into the wild blue yonder, (they're) in the never-never land of nowhere." [Probably without a map or a paddle.]

When Jacobs was asked if his new book on UFO-abductions "might bring more people out of the woodwork with the vague memories," he replied: "That will do it...any article that's ever been printed has done it, so a book of this nature absolutely will. This book goes through an abduction sequence on a second-by-second basis, from the time the abductee thinks something is wrong to the time they are returned." This suggests that the Jacobs book should be titled: "How To Tell UFO-Abduction Tales That Will Impress The Experts."

When Jacobs was asked if he finds correlating patterns among his subjects, he replied: "Oh yeah, they all say the same thing."

Even Ed Walters, Gulf Breeze's prolific producer of UFO photos, admits that it is easy to make double-exposure hoax photos with the old Polaroid camera he used to take the first two dozen of his UFO photos. But he claims that double-exposures are impossible with newer Polaroid Model 600 type film used to produce his last several UFO photos. The reason: Model 600 ejects the photo immediately after the shutter is snapped.

Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee, who has endorsed the authenticity of the Walters photos, admits that double-exposures are possible but claims it took him a month to figure out how.

A Florida friend, a former USAF photo-analyst who believes the Walters UFO photos are a hoax, bought a Polaroid Model 600 to test this Walters' claim shortly before I visited him in late August. Shortly after I arrived at his house, he handed me a small plastic bag from a local drugstore which was stapled closed with the purchase receipt attached, showing he had bought it earlier that day.

When I opened the bag, there was a boxed Polaroid film pack which he asked me to open. I had difficulty in tearing open the metal-foil moisture-proof sealed enclosure and finally had to use a knife. He asked me to hand him the film-pack, which I watched him insert in the camera. Then he asked me to pose for a picture which he took with a flash. The camera immediately ejected the photo which he handed to me.

To my utter amazement, the photo (right) showed a small caricature-type image of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher "hovering" over my left shoulder. But there was no such Thatcher face in the room. Then he took me into a nearby bedroom where a "plastic bust" of Mrs. Thatcher was suspended in front of a black drape. The photo he had made in front of my eyes was clearly a double-exposure made with Model 600 film.

I was almost prepared to believe my friend had psychic powers, until he explained how it was done. I'll not reveal his secret now to see if you can figure out his simple but ingenious technique.

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